UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

SANDRA CASSIDY, :

Plaintiff : CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:17-1153

v. : (D.J. MANNION)

(M.J. CARLSON)

NANCY A. BERRYHILL, :

ACTING COMMISSIONER OF

SOCIAL SECURITY,¹ :

Defendant :

MEMORANDUM

Pending before the court is the report of Magistrate Judge Martin C. Carlson filed on January 5, 2018, which recommends that the plaintiff's request for a new administrative hearing be granted and the Commissioner's decision denying the plaintiff's application for disability benefits be vacated. Judge Carlson also recommends that this case be remanded to the Commissioner to conduct a new administrative hearing pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §405(g). (Doc. 10). On January 18, 2018, the Commissioner waived the opportunity to respond to Judge Carlson's report, (Doc. 11), and, on January 19, 2018, the plaintiff filed a letter indicating that she was not objecting to the report.(Doc. 12).

¹On January 23, 2017, Nancy A. Berryhill became the Acting Commissioner of Social Security. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(d), Nancy A. Berryhill is substituted for Carolyn W. Colvin, Acting Commissioner of Social Security, as the defendant in this suit.

Where no objection is made to a report and recommendation, the court

should, as a matter of good practice, "satisfy itself that there is no clear error

on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation."

Fed.R.Civ.P. 72(b), advisory committee notes; see also Univac Dental Co. v.

Dentsply Intern., Inc., 702 F.Supp.2d 465, 469 (2010) (citing Henderson v.

Carlson, 812 F.2d 874, 878 (3d Cir. 1987) (explaining judges should give

some review to every Report and Recommendation)). Nevertheless, whether

timely objections are made or not, the district court may accept, not accept or

modify, in whole or in part, the findings or recommendations made by the

magistrate judge. 28 U.S.C. §636(b)(1); Local Rule 72.31.

The court has reviewed the reasons presented by Judge Carlson for

recommending that the plaintiff's request for a new administrative hearing be

granted and the denial of her application for benefits be vacated. Because the

court agrees with the sound reasoning that led Judge Carlson to the

conclusions in his report and finds no clear error on the face of the record, the

court will adopt the report in its entirety. An appropriate order shall issue.

s/ Malachy E. Mannion United States District Judge

Date: January 23, 2018

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